

RACIAL PROFILING DATA/2001

Agency: St. Louis City Police Dept.

Population: 268,345

age 16 and over

KEY INDICATORS	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Stops	41709	19688	20596	452		15	371
Searches	2847	519	2280	26		0	7
Arrests	1901	327	1563	5		0	2
Statewide population %	N/A	85.24	10.25	1.85	1.17	0.41	1.08
Local population %	N/A	47.56	46.57	1.92		0.25	1.58
Disparity index	N/A	0.99	1.06	0.56		0.14	0.56
Search rate	6.83	2.64	11.07	5.75		0.00	1.89
Contraband hit rate	20.30	17.15	21.01	19.23		#Error	28.57
Arrest rate	4.56	1.66	7.59	1.11		0.00	0.54

Notes: Population figures are from the 2000 Census for persons 16 years of age and older who designated a single race. Hispanics may be of any race. Other includes persons of mixed race and unknown race.

Disparity index = (proportion of stops / proportion of population). A value of 1 represents no disparity; values greater than 1 indicate over-representation, values less than 1 indicate under-representation.

Search rate = (searches / stops) X 100.

Contraband hit rate = (searches with contraband found / total searches) X 100.

Arrest rate = (arrests / stops) X 100.

#Error indicates zero denominator.

TRAFFIC STOP STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Violation leading to stop	Moving	32093	17250	13619	366		13	322
	Equipment	2989	1036	1870	37		0	18
	License	7223	1558	5529	60		2	32
Stop outcome	Citation	36788	18292	17214	392		15	344
	Warning	4663	1359	3160	61		0	28
Location of stop	Interstate hwy	10208	7617	2126	181		3	96
	US hwy	227	168	50	6		0	1
	State hwy	545	387	140	4		1	5
	County road	0	0	0	0		0	0
	City street	30311	11311	18076	261		11	265
	Other	418	205	204	0		0	4
Driver gender	Male	30401	14396	14849	397		13	317
	Female	11308	5292	5747	55		2	54
Driver age	17 and under	1322	611	677	11		0	9
	18-29	19469	8151	10652	218		6	170
	30-39	10306	5141	4730	122		8	130
	40 and over	10612	5785	4537	101		1	62

SEARCH STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Probable cause/ authority to search	Consent	1195	243	923	17		0	3
	Inventory	172	29	142	1		0	0
	Drug/alcohol odor	360	79	277	2		0	0
	Incident to arrest	926	145	769	4		0	3
	Plain view contraband	79	18	61	0		0	0
	Reasonable suspicion-weapon	373	48	318	3		0	1
	Drug-dog alert	5	0	3	2		0	0
	Other	210	39	167	3		0	0
What searched	Driver	2644	480	2121	24		0	6
	Car/property	1960	340	1588	17		0	6
Search duration	0-15 minutes	2599	461	2095	24		0	5
	16-30 minutes	229	54	170	2		0	2
	31+ minutes	19	4	15	0		0	0
Contra-band found	Drugs/alcohol	255	32	223	0		0	0
	Currency	11	3	8	0		0	0
	Weapon	58	6	52	0		0	0
	Stolen property	21	2	19	0		0	0
	Other	265	51	204	5		0	2
Arrest charge	Outstanding warrant	975	121	852	0		0	1
	Drug violation	214	27	187	0		0	0
	Resist arrest	10	1	9	0		0	0
	Offense against person	12	2	10	0		0	0
	DWI/BAC	162	97	59	4		0	0
	Property offense	71	4	67	0		0	0
	Other	446	75	368	0		0	2

Agency response

The percent of total persons stopped by police during 2001 (white-47.2%; black-49.4%) was fairly proportional to the number of such persons aged 16 and over residing in the City of St. Louis (white-47.6%; black-46.6%). While the reports reflect that only 6.8% of the persons stopped were searched, a disproportionate number of the persons searched were black (80.0%) as compared to whites (18.2%). One of the primary reasons for this difference is the department requirement for a search incidental to lawful arrests of persons searched. Because of this requirement, some 83% were black, as compared to 15.7% who were white. One of the major reasons for arrest was the existence of outstanding warrants (white-121; black-852). Also, the number of blacks consenting to a search (923) was greater than the number of whites (243). The rates in the 2001 report remain consistent with the rates in the 2000 report.